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LONDON LIBRARY,

NO. 5,

LUDGATE-STREET.**ADVERTISEMENT.**

MARCH, 1798.

THE Committee of the London Library Society being directed by the last General Meeting, to publish a new Catalogue of their Books, beg leave to observe that this, though particularly intended for the use of the Society, will at the same time enable the public to form a judgment of an Institution, which having been thirteen years established, may now, with confidence, be recommended to their patronage. The Committee flatter themselves that the collection will be esteemed as numerous, as, from the date of the Institution, could reasonably have been expected. It contains already some large and expensive works, foreign as well as English, which are not generally to be found in private libraries. Those books which are more immediately required by the scientific reader, have occupied particular attention; and the collection in the line of Belles Lettres, of Ancient and Modern History, Politics, Biography, and of Voyages and Travels, is such, as it is apprehended, will give considerable satisfaction to the general reader.

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To form a collection so valuable as to meet the wishes of the Committee, will necessarily require some time, and considerable expence; but the subscription is already so respectable, and the support of another kind so encouraging, that there is reason to conclude, that, at no very distant period, the hopes of the Committee will be accomplished. Authors and publishers have presented the Society with several new publications; and persons of liberality have transferred many valuable books from their own collections to this library, which have considerably promoted its utility. The Committee beg leave to make grateful acknowledgments for these donations, and hope for the increase of such generous and effectual support.

It is not necessary, here, to say much respecting the plan of the Library, as a view of the Catalogue will give a complete knowledge of it, yet it may not be improper to add, that the Committee mean to direct their attention to original works, rather than to translations, and to works of importance and permanent merit, rather than to such as are temporary and merely amusing. But this will be only a general rule, and subject to various exceptions. If a valuable book should happen to be written in a language little known in this country; or if a translation of uncommon merit should appear, especially if enriched with notes of consequence, in such cases, translations, no doubt, become objects of attention. Temporary pieces also, called forth by any great and interesting occasion, and written in so masterly a manner as to be likely to make an impression on the public, will naturally find a place in the collection.



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The utility of such an Institution as the present, in this metropolis, being sufficiently obvious, and the establishment being already on so respectable a footing, the Committee presume to hope for a speedy and considerable increase of subscribers; and as the ordinary expences of the Library will not be thereby augmented, there must necessarily be a much larger overplus to be appropriated to the purchase of books, and the advantages accruing to the future subscribers be proportionably greater.

ABSTRACT OF THE RULES OF THE LONDON LIBRARY, ESTABLISHED No. 5, LUDGATE-STREET.

EVERY person paying One Guinea entrance, and One Guinea per annum, by advance, becomes a Member of this Society.

Any person paying Ten Guineas, becomes a Member for life. Any Annual Subscriber, paying Eight Guineas, becomes a Member for life.

The Library is open every day, Sundays excepted, from eleven o'clock till four, and during the months of May, June, July, and August, from six to eight in the evening.

Every Member may have two books at a time out of the Library in his possession.

The general concerns of the Library are under the direction of a Committee of twenty-four Members, chosen at the Anniversary Meeting of the Society.

A General Meeting of the Subscribers is annually held for the purpose of inspecting the accounts, and electing the Treasurer and Committee.

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